

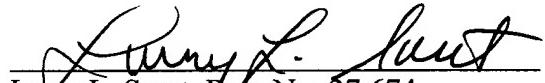
REMARKS

The Examiner issued a notice of a non-responsive amendment because the Applicant's response filed on 16 August 2004 did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Particularly, the preamble of claim 2 was changed from its version of 28 October 2003 with no markings to indicate the changes. The preamble of claim 2 has now been re-submitted as it appeared in applicant's 28 October 2003 amendment. Except for this change, Applicant has resubmitted claims 1-19 as they appeared in applicant's 16 August 2004 amendment, and it is requested that the claims in this application be amended prior to further examination as indicated above.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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